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SUBJECT:SHABA INVASION: - U.S. PRESS TREATMENT APRIL 7-8

1. FOLLOWING IS ROUNDUP OF U.S. PRESS REACTION TO SHABA
INVASION.

2. WASHINGTON POST (4/7)

--KATANGAN "REBELS" ARE NOW CONSOLIDATING THEIR HOLD ON
SHABA PROVINCE, TRYING TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL SERVICES, AND
BRINGING IN NEW SUPPLIES, ACCORDING TO ROBIN WRIGHT, WHO
QUOTES INTELLIGENCE SOURCES IN KINSHASA. SHE SAYS THAT
AMONG THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY, THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION NOW
ON "WHEN" RATHER THAN "WHETHER" THE GOVERNMENT WILL CHANGE.

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3. BALTIMORE SUN (4/7)

--IN AN EDITORIAL, THE SUN COMMENTS ON SOVIET GAINS IN
AFRICA AND REFLECTS THAT THE PERMANENCE OF SUCH GAINS -
BUT THE SOVIETS OR ANY OTHERS - REMAIN CHANCY AT BEST.

4. WASHINGTON POST (4/8)

--ZAIRE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MOROCCO AND "ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY" WILL SEND TROOPS TO HELP ZAIRE'S ARMY FIGHT OFF KATANGAN REBELS. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS IS TO ARRIVE FRIDAY. THE "OTHER COUNTRY" IS BELIEVED TO BE EGYPT. CHINA IS ALSO SENDING 30 TONS OF EMERGENCY MILITARY SUPPLIES TO BE FOLLOWED BY A LARGER SHIPMENT. WELL-INFORMED SOURCES SAID EGYPT AND MOROCCO HAVE BOTH PLEDGED 1,500 MEN. THE INITIAL CONTINGENT OF MOROCCANS WILL NUMBER 250.

5. NEW YORK TIMES (4/8)

--REUTERS REPORTS ON MOROCCO'S SENDING TROOPS TO ZAIRE. THE SOVIET UNION HAS DENIED ANY SOVIET, CUBAN OR ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHTING IN ZAIRE. TASS ACCUSES WESTERN POWERS OF USING EVENTS IN SHABA AS A PRETEXT FOR INTERVENING IN THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
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